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Honorable Charles Grassley
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

Thank you for your inquiry into the issue regarding the NL Industries/Taracorp Site in Granite City, Illinois, which was raised by Mr. Sam Gervich in his March 13, 1990, letter to you. The issue involves notifying transporters of the waste taken to the site of their responsibility for the selected cleanup actions at the site.

It is the policy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), consistent with Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), to send notice letters to transporters of hazardous waste only when the transporters selected the disposal site. If Mr. Gervich has information indicating that this is the case with respect to his company's waste shipments, we would encourage him to send this information to U.S. EPA for our review.

The reason that U.S. EPA has not yet furnished information to Mr. Gervich regarding his company's liability with respect to the site is that responses to U.S. EPA's information request letters have not yet been received from all Potentially Responsible Parties (PRP's). Thus, the PRP database for the site is not yet in a final form. It is anticipated that such information will be made available to requestors in the near future.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ original signed by
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